

**Remarks**

By this Amendment, claims 1, 25, 30 and 35 are amended. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-39 will remain pending. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1, 25 and 35 have been amended to specify that “the adapter is selectively switchable without disassembly by a manual operation” to move the leads to match polarity as desired. Similarly, claim 30 is amended to recite the act of “manually switching the switchable adapter into a second position different from said initial position without disassembling the adapter” to move the leads to match polarity.

Accordingly, each of claims 1-39 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over EP 1 103 232 A1 (Bianchetti), because Bianchetti does not allow switching of polarity without disassembly. Therefore, the rejections under § 102(b) and § 103(a) over Bianchetti should be withdrawn.

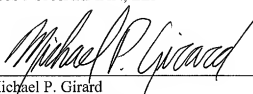
Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are directed to allowable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant’s representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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